

REMARKS

By this Amendment claim 1 has been amended to better define the inventive wheel, and claim 15 has been amended to better define the inventive sports item and now defines at least one of the wheels referred to therein as being constructed as defined in claim 1. Entry is requested.

In the outstanding Office Action the examiner has stated that claims 1-14 and claims 15-24 are directed to different inventions (35 U.S.C. 121) and thus an election of one or the other must be made.

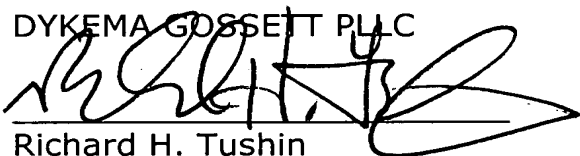
The inventor elects the inventive wheel as defined in claims 1-14.

However, the applicant asserts that this restriction requirement must be withdrawn. In this regard, this application is a U.S. national phase of a PCT application, and thus unity of invention rules apply. And now that claim 15 defines a wheel in accordance with the details of claim 1, unity of invention clearly exists.

Respectfully submitted,

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